

# GENEALOGY AND CHART OF THE CHENOWETH AND CROMWELL FAMILIES OF MARYLAND AND VIRGINIA

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## INTRODUCTION.

The genealogical history of the families given in this volume and appended charts is from the records in Baltimore City, Annapolis, Md., and Martinsburg, W. Va. It was traced by means of wills and deeds.

The early members were among the first settlers of the Maryland Colony. Each male member was constantly under arms ready for military service. The tenure of land by grants from the Lord Proprietor, Lord Baltimore, was drawn in recognition of this service. The exposure and hardships, encounters with savages, numerous and unrecorded in many cases, have left impressions of true patriotism worthy of commemoration.

*Our ancestry, a gallant Christian race,  
Patterns of every virtue, every grace.*

## THE CHENOWETHS.

The name of Chenoweth is of Welsh origin. It appears in Sir Bernard Burk's General Armory, England, Scotland, Ireland, and Wales, page 189, the 1883 edition, viz: "Chenouth, descended from John Trevelisick, County Cornwall, who gave to his youngest son, John, a piece of land, whereon he built a castle called, in Cornish language, Chenoweth, whose descendants were always called Chenouth. The elder line afterwards failed of issue and their lands came to the younger branch, who still continue the adopted surname. John Traversick, his arms, Vist. 1620, SA. on a Fass. OR. Three Cornish choughs heads ppr."

The transition of the escutcheon to Chenoweth is denoted in a later book on armorial bearings: "SA. on a Fasse. OR. Three griffins' heads, erased gules." This is practically same as the Trevelisick arms, with a change to griffins heads in place of choughs.

The name of John appears to be the family name for the oldest son. JOHN CHENOWETH came to this country from Wales in 1700 and settled in Baltimore County, Maryland. His wife was a Calvert, the daughter of the third Lord Baltimore. The records show that ARTHUR CHENOWETH, Sr., and RICHARD CHENOWETH, his sons, acquired land about 1741. They were the child-

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ren of this John Chenoweth. Besides the two sons of John Chenoweth, there were two daughters. One married a Cecil, another married a Dorsey.

ARTHUR CHENOWETH, Sr., the son of John Chenoweth, received a grant of land, in the year 1741, of 43 acres in Baltimore County. This tract of land was called "Arthur's Lot." In the year 1747 he received another grant of 240 acres adjoining, called "Arthur's Addition." These tracts of land are recorded in the Land Office at Annapolis, Maryland. In the year 1763 he received a tract adjoining the last, consisting of 20 acres. This grant was made by Frederick, Absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Province of Maryland and Avalon, Lord Baron of Baltimore, etc., signed by Horatio Sharpe, Esq., Lieutenant General and Chief Governor, with the great seal of Lord Baltimore attached. I have the original document on parchment in my possession. This valuable heirloom shows that Arthur Chenoweth, Sr., had performed honorable military services as an officer, defending the colony prior to the date of the grant, which was in the year 1763. He was with the army, under General Broadhead and Lord Dunmore, in the attack on Fort Duquesne. He was the first receiver of taxes when Baltimore became a town. (See "Chronicles of Baltimore," by Scharf, page 196.) Arthur Chenoweth, Sr., was at that time a mill owner. The date of the appointment was 1782.

RICHARD CHENOWETH, a brother, acquired land in the

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year 1746. (See Baltimore records I. B., No. E., page 222.) Arthur Chenoweth, Sr., gave to each child, as a gift, a tract of land during his life. The names of the children, with the transfers, are on record in Baltimore City.

The following are transcripts of each heading:

"Arthur Chenoweth, Sr., to his son, Samuel Chenoweth" (Baltimore, liber W. G., No. A. A., page 35, year 1787). "Arthur Chenoweth, Sr., to his son, Thomas Chenoweth" (liber W. G., No. A. A., page 240, 1787). "Arthur Chenoweth, Sr. to his son, John Chenoweth, tract named Gilliad" (liber A. L., No. B., pages 101, 102, 1768). "Arthur Chenoweth, Sr., to his son, Arthur, Jr.," (liber B., No. I., page 337, 142, 1761). Arthur Chenoweth, Sr., died in April, 1802, leaving a will recorded in Orphans' Court, in Baltimore City. In this will he mentions the names of Richard, Samuel, Thomas, Ruth and Hannah. As he had given his other children most of his estate during his life, personal property only remained consisting of slaves.

JOHN CHENOWETH, Jr., and Samuel Chenoweth married sisters, children of William Cromwell, of Anne Arundel County, Maryland. John Chenoweth married HANNAH CROMWELL about the year 1765. Records at Annapolis, Maryland, liber I. B., No. I, 1768. John Chenoweth and his wife, Hannah Cromwell, sell a tract of land called "Cromwell's Purchase." The additional accounting filed by executors of William Cromwell, Nov. 10th,

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1760, show that Hannah was a minor in the year 1760.

The marriage occurred about the year 1795. SAMUEL CHENOWETH married PATIENCE CROMWELL; she died prior to the year 1736. The records in Baltimore City show (liber W. G., No. Y., page 713) Samuel Chenoweth and his wife, Elizabeth, whose maiden name was ELIZABETH MURRAY, the widow of Stephen Cromwell (this was Samuel's second wife), sold a tract of land; the same tract of land conveyed by gift from Arthur Chenoweth, Sr., to his son Samuel.

John Chenoweth and his wife, Hannah Cromwell, sold, in the year 1786, a tract of land called "Gilliad" to William Bell, of Philadelphia; the same tract conveyed by gift from Arthur Chenoweth, Sr., to his son John. (See records Baltimore, liber W. G., No. C., page 160). These transfers connect John Chenoweth and Samuel Chenoweth directly with Arthur Chenoweth, Sr., and the family of William Cromwell, of Anne Arundel County, Maryland. John Chenoweth served in the wars prior to the Revolution under General Dunmore. My grandfather, who was John Chenoweth, Jr., a son, has often given an account of the exploits and adventures of his father while engaged in defending the colony, and afterwards as a Revolutionary soldier. These accounts are fresh in the minds of his grandchildren to-day. John Chenoweth, Sr., enlisted in Richard Davis Company, Col. Rawling's Regiment; his term of service was for three years. He became



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sergeant of his company, was attached to the 4th Maryland Regiment at White Plains, New York, September 9th, 1773, and received his discharge August 9th, 1779. The history of Col. Rawling's Regiment is one that stands first in the hearts of every true patriot. They suffered severely at the Battle of Fort Washington, the very spot on which I established a homestead 114 years after the memorable engagement. My great grandfather was captured in battle by the British forces, at half past one o'clock, November 16th, 1776. He was exchanged soon afterwards and participated in numerous hard-fought battles. The records at Annapolis Department of State, and Department of State, Washington, have the account of John Chenoweth and his service.

John Chenoweth married Hannah Cromwell. His brother married Patience Cromwell, a sister. They moved from Baltimore about 1793. Samuel's wife, Patience Cromwell, died before he and Samuel moved to Virginia, and Samuel married Elizabeth Cromwell, the widow of Stephen Cromwell, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Murray. (See Records Baltimore, 1786, W. G., No. Y., page 713.)

Stephen Cromwell was a first cousin of Hannah and Patience, a son of Joseph Cromwell. The two brothers established homesteads in Berkeley county, Virginia, now West Virginia.

Rock Hall, the homestead of John Chenoweth, was

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located at Darksville. Samuel located at South Mountain, near Martinsburg, Berkeley County, same State.

The house built by John Chenoweth at Darksville is still standing. The material was brought from England.

Hannah Cromwell Chenoweth never received her full portion of her father's estate. The Revolutionary war and the uncertain condition of the affairs of the colony, engaged in war, were accountable for this neglect.

Her uncle, Joseph Cromwell, was the executor of her father's estate and a brother of her father's, who died in 1758.

Joseph Cromwell died in October, 1769. In his will he instructed his executors, who were his sons Nathan and Joseph Cromwell, and one Joseph Taylor, to see that his brother William's estate be properly settled up. There was at this time a tract of land, called "Huckleberry Forest," to be divided between six children. This was never done. This tract of land is south of Furnace Creek, near Glenburnie, Anne Arundel County, Maryland. This land is not very valuable; probably worth \$40 per acre. The tract of land that produced the greatest amount of discussion was an entailed interest in a tract of land called "Mascol's Hope" and "Cromwell's Adventure," 450 acres. The history of these tracts dates back to 1684, when it was bequeathed by William Cromwell to his son William, who, in turn, sold it to Thomas Foster, 140 acres (see record Baltimore, liber C. R. M., No. H. S., 1708), in violation

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of the will. The remainder, 310 acres, was sold to Richard Cromwell, a cousin. This William mentioned this sale in his will, and instructs his son, William Cromwell, Hannah Cromwell's father, to make good the title. I point this out for those interested in order to explain and account for the traditions in regard to the probable recovery of land in Baltimore County.

After an examination the readers can judge if they are interested in any way.

I will show my connection with John Chenoweth and Hannah Cromwell:

Their children, named by will of John Chenoweth, probated in 1820 and recorded in the County Court (the will was drawn in 1814 at Martinsburg, West Virginia):

*John Chenoweth, Jr.*; b. 1770; d. 1865.

*Richard B.*

*Sarah Taylor.*

*Ruth Oufett.*

*Arthur*; d. 1827, Greencastle, Pa.

*Joshua.*

*Cloc Strodes.*

*Hannah Harris*, the wife of George Harris.

JOHN CHENOWETH, Jr., was my grandfather. He married MARY DAVENPORT, of Charlestown, Jefferson County, Virginia.

Mary Davenport was born in Charlestown, Jefferson

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County, Virginia, about 1775. She was a sister of Judge John Davenport, of Ohio, who was a representative in Congress from 1827 to 1829 from Ohio. She had a sister, Mrs. Cordelia Blackwell, wife of John W. Blackwell, of Virginia; also another sister, Kittie Fickland, the wife of James G. Fickland, of Fredericksburg, Virginia. She died at Green Castle, Indiana, in the year 1865, and was buried there. John Chenoweth, Jr., received two large plantations from his father, as his portion of his father's estate, during the latter's lifetime. (Shown on the records at Martinsburg, West Virginia.) The plantation was called "Stoney Mead," located about nine miles from Martinsburg, West Virginia, by Falling Waters Church. The plantation, being hilly, was called "Bunker Hill," in all probability in commemoration of the memorable battle fought during the War of the Revolution. Strange to relate, on this plantation the first encounter took place after the fall of Sumpter, in the War of the Great Rebellion. The occurrence is fresh in my memory. When quite a boy troops, commanded by General Paterson, from Philadelphia, occupied "Bunker Hill." Pickets were posted on this plantation, and I remember being present when the pickets were driven in, and hearing their account of the first attack on the lines so recently invested by the Union forces. The War of the Rebellion made the plantation untenable for John Chenoweth and his wife, Mary. They took up their home in Green Castle, Indiana, and

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died in 1865, just at the close of the war, and were buried in Green Castle.

John Chenoweth, Jr., left a will recorded in Green Castle, year 1865. Their children were:

*Ellen*; b. Aug., 1802; d. ———

*Hannah Cromwell*; b. Jan., 1804; d. ———

*John W.*; b. Dec., 1806; d. ———

*Alfred G.*; b. Feb., 1809; d. ———

*George Davenport*; b. Aug. 13, 1811; d. May 18, 1880 (my father).

*Rebecca*; b. March, 1817; d. ———

*Mary D.*; b. September, 1819; d. ———

*Richard W.*; b. July 21, 1821.

*Benjamin D.*; b. 1827 (Major 21st Texas Cavalry in War of Rebellion).

*Margaret*; b. 1829; died young.

GEORGE DAVENPORT CHENOWETH married FRANCES ANN CRAWFORD. The marriage certificate gives the place and date of marriage: "This will certify that on the twenty-fifth day of June, 1846, in the County of Burlington and State of New Jersey, George D. Chenoweth, of one part, and Frances S. Crawford, of the other, having agreed and covenanted to live together as man and wife, and having plighted the solemn vows of duty and affection, were by me united in the honorable and sacred bonds of lawful matrimony.

"L. RUSLING, Minister of the Gospel."

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This marriage took place at Mr. William Bryan's residence, Pemberton, New Jersey.

George Davenport Chenoweth, my father, was an active and prominent advocate of Methodism. He was appointed Disbursing Officer of the General Post Office Department, Washington, D. C., by President U. S. Grant. He died May 18, 1880, and was buried in Oak Lawn Cemetery, Georgetown, D. C., a part of Washington. His wife, my mother, survives. Their children:

*Durbin*

*George Davenport Chenoweth; b. Oct. 30th, 1847.*

*Alexander Crawford Chenoweth; b. June 5, 18<sup>4</sup>9.*

*Mary Davenport Chenoweth; b. Nov. 12, 1851.*

*Elizabeth; b. May 7, 1857*

ALEXANDER CRAWFORD CHENOWETH married KATHARINE RICHARDSON WOOD, the daughter of Hon. Fernando Wood, who was Mayor of the City of New York in 1856, 1857, 1860, 1861; Representative in Congress 1841, 1843, 1863, 1865; 1867, 1881; died Feb. 13, 1881. Their children:

*Maud; b. Mar. 24, 1881; d. Aug. 22, 1882.*

*Alexander Fernando Wood; b. Oct. 8th, 1883.*

*Katharine; b. Sept. 22, 1886; d. May 5, 1892.*

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## THE CROMWELLS.

The first record in Maryland of the Cromwells appears in Ledger 12, dated March 11th, 1671. ("The Benoni Eaton brought into the Colony to-day one WILLIAM CROMWELL, and his brother John"). This record is to be found in the Land Office of Annapolis, Maryland. William Cromwell appeared in America earlier, as the records show he purchased land prior to this date. "William Cromwell, from George Yates, liber 16, folio 151, 300 acres, called "Cromwell's Adventure."

William Cromwell had two brothers, John Cromwell and Richard Cromwell, as shown by his will, probated in 1684. He also had a sister Edith, who married Christopher Gist. This marriage is mentioned in a will of Christopher Gist recorded in Superior Court, Baltimore. (Liber R. M. H. S., folio 331.)

General Gist, of Revolutionary fame, was descended from Edith Cromwell and Christopher Gist, her husband. The Maryland Cromwells are direct descendants of Morgan Williams, an ancient and honorable family dating back one thousand years, well known in England. Morgan Williams married Elizabeth Cromwell, sister of Lord Thomas Cromwell, Earl of Essex. This Thomas Cromwell was beheaded in the Tower of London in the

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year 1540, July 28. Morgan Williams and his wife, Elizabeth Cromwell, had a son who was called Sir Richard Cromwell, alias Williams. He always used the name of Cromwell after this, and the oldest member of the Cromwell family was called William to perpetuate the old family name. Sir Oliver Cromwell, of Hitchen Brook, a grandson of Sir Henry Cromwell, is the ancestor from whence the Maryland Cromwells are descended. Sir Oliver Cromwell was the uncle of Oliver Cromwell, the Lord Protector of England, and the grandfather of William Cromwell, of Maryland, and his brothers and sister before mentioned. The history of Virginia, written by John Bush, published in 1804, vol. 1, page 340, mentions Sir Oliver Cromwell as an investor in the Virginia Company; also his son, Henry Cromwell, Esq. This was in 1620. This son Henry came to Maryland, as shown by sailing lists of investors in the Virginia who came to Virginia (Bush, Virginia, page 341). There are numerous reasons to believe that this Henry Cromwell was the father of the Maryland Cromwells. He visited this country and, being an investor in the Virginia Trading Company, William, his son, who came over, was active in trading and owned several vessels. William Cromwell and his brothers had money to purchase land, and they at once took a high position in the affairs of the colony. William Cromwell became a member of the Legislative Council of the Lord Proprietor. Lord Baltimore was active in



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promoting trade with the colony. (See archives of Maryland, year 1683.) John and Richard Cromwell lived first in Calvert County, then moved away. Richard and John, sons, remained in Maryland. William Cromwell was married twice. Of his first marriage little is known. His second wife is mentioned in his will as Elizabeth Trahearne. The will of William Cromwell was recorded in June, 1884. He mentions two children by name, William and Thomas. The names of his other children were Joshua and Phillip. The son Joshua is mentioned in the will of Richard Cromwell by name. Richard Cromwell was a cousin. Phillip is mentioned in the will of Col. William Ashman, who was a half brother. After the death of William Cromwell, Sr., his wife married Geoge Ashman. The clause in William Cromwell's will, where he leaves his property to his son William, is the probable origin of the tradition of land in Baltimore County belonging to the heirs of William Cromwell.

Children of William Cromwell:

*William Cromwell*; b. 1678; d. 1735.

*Thomas Cromwell.*

*Phillip.*

*Joshua.*

WILLIAM CROMWELL, the second, was married prior to the year 1708, as the records show that Mary, the wife of William Cromwell, united with her husband in selling the 140 acres of land entailed. This Mary was probably a Mary Howard, of Baltimore County.

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The question arises: How could William sell this property, as he had a life interest only. The record of this sale—William Cromwell to Thomas Foster, year 1708—can be found in liber C. R. M., No. H. S., page 613, Baltimore City. William, the second, died in 1735. He practically cut off his eldest son, William, on account of this sale to Thomas Foster and Richard Cromwell, a relative. His son William was not to receive any portion of this estate unless he made good the title to this property, which he could not do. His children were.

*William*; d. 1758.

*Joseph*; b. Aug. 21, 1707; d. Oct. 12, 1769.

*Alexander*.

*Woolguist*; d. 1793.

WILLIAM CROMWELL, the third, was born prior to 1707, and died 1758. He married, for his first wife, Constant Wilmott, of Baltimore, a daughter of John Wilmott. (See will of John Wilmott, probated 1748, liber 1, page 418; mentions a daughter Constant, the wife of William Cromwell.) The Wilmotts were descended from an ancient and honorable family from England. William Cromwell was married the second time about the year 1750. The records show that William Cromwell and his wife, Charity Ashman, sold a piece of land called Milford. (See liber T. R., No. D., folio 25, Aug., 1750). William Cromwell, the third, was a prominent planter, and owned several sailing vessels. He acquired land and died in 1728, leaving a

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will which was probated at Annapolis in the year 1758.  
His children were:

*Patience*, who married Samuel Chenoweth, a son of Arthur Chenoweth, Sr.

*Philomen*, a son, who died early.

*Hannah*, who married John Chenoweth, a son of Arthur Chenoweth, Sr., of Baltimore.

*Capt. William Cromwell*.

*Dinnah*.

*Mrs. Ashman*.

The records at Annapolis, Maryland, show that John Chenoweth and his wife, Hannah, sold the land called "Cromwell's Purchase" to Charles Hammond, Jr., Feb. 25, 1769; same tract of land bequeathed to Hannah by her father, William Cromwell. (See liber I. B, No. I., page 304, year 1769.) William mentions in his will three children by name. The final accounting filed by the executor, Joseph Cromwell, Nov. 11, 1760, gives the names of the other three children. Dinnah Cromwell, who was a minor at the date of the accounting, married John Wells Oct. 11, 1761; recorded in Old St. Thomas' Church, Green Spring Valley, near Baltimore

Captain William Cromwell, a son, who was in the Continental Army. (See "Causes and Accomplishments of the American Revolution," American Archives, 4 series, vol. vi. year 1776.)

Patience sold "South Canton" in fee before she married Samuel Chenoweth. (See record of Annapolis,

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Maryland.) I find the provisions of William Cromwell's will were carried out, with the exception of the division of "Huckleberry Forest."

Joseph Cromwell, the executor and brother, died in the year 1769, Oct. 12.

He instructed his executors to see that his brother's will be properly settled up. His executors were Nathan Cromwell, Joseph Cromwell and Joseph Taylor. "Huckleberry Forest" remained on the tax books in the name of the heirs of William Cromwell up to the Declaration of Independence, then it appeared in the name of Hammond. This property never was partitioned.

The property sold to Thomas Foster and Richard Cromwell, mentioned in the will, as recorded, 1735, has been the basis of traditions in regard to land titles. The record of this transaction can be found in Baltimore City, Record of Deeds. (Liber C. R. M., No. H. S., page 613.)

My genological chart includes the family of Joseph Cromwell and his children.

THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF  
JOHN CHENOWETH, OF DARKS-  
VILLE, BERKELEY COUNTY, VA.,  
PROBATED 1820.

I, John Chenoweth, of the County of Berkeley, and commonwealth of Virginia, Being now in perfect health and sound mind, and taking into consideration the uncertainty of life, have thought proper thus to make my will and dispose of all the real and personal Estate of which I am now or may hereafter be seized. And be it known that I do hereby make my last will and testament in manor and form following, that is to say: 1st, I desire that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid as soon as possible after decease, and real and personal Estate divided in the following manner, Viz: I give to my son, Joshua Chenoweth, during his natural life, and that of his present wife, all the tract of Land whereon he now lives, in the County of Mercer and commonwealth of Pennsylvania, laying and being in the fork of the Shenango and Mahoning river, it being the same tract of land which I purchased of William Mackey, dec'd, formerly of the Town of Martinsburg, in this County. And it is further my will and desire, that after the decease of my said Son Joshua & his present wife,

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that the said tract of land descend to their heirs jointly and their assigns forever, or to such of them as may then be living. The said tract of land contains two hundred and seventeen acres and 24 poles, be the same more or less.

2'dly, I give to my son John Chenoweth all that tract of land situated, laying and being in the County of Berkeley aforesaid, & adjoining the plantation whereon I now live, containing one hundred & fifty acres, be the same more or less, it being the same tract of land which I purchased from Jonathan Seaman. 3'dly I give to my son Richard Chenoweth the plantation whereon I now live, with all the buildings and appertainances thereunto belonging, and also the following negroes, Viz: one negro man named Bill, and one named Jack & my negro boys Ben, Abraham and Mace, & all my horse kind, and farming utensils, together with all my other live stock, dead victuals, and household furniture of every description, and also all the money which may be in hand, together with all debts due to me, either by bond, note, book account or otherwise at my decease or to fall due afterwards. Provided that my said son Richard shall well and truly pay or cause to be paid all my just debts & funeral expensis and contracts by me made, and pay or cause to be paid the following legacies, that is to say, to pay to my Daughter Sarah Taylor, or her legal representatives or assigns, the sum of one thousand dollars at the end of one year after my decease and also

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to pay to my daughter Hannah Harris, her legal representatives or assigns, the sum of one thousand dollars, at the end of two years after my decease, also to pay to my Daughter Ruth Ouffett, her legal representatives or assigns, the sum one thousand dollars at the end three years after my decease; also to pay to my said son Joshua, his heirs or assigns, the sum of one thousand dollars, at the end of four years, after my decease; also to pay to my son, Arthur Chenoweth, the sum of one thousand dollars, at the end of five years after my decease, and also pay to my grand daughter Sarah Thomas or her legal representatives, two hundred and fifty dollars at the end of six years after my decease.

4'thly, I give to my daughter Ruth Ouffett, one negro girl named Eliza, in addition to the before mentioned thousand dollars, which girl she is to possess amediately after my death.

5'thly, it is my desire that John Strode and Nancy Edmunds, children of my daughter Elsey Strode, deceased, shall have no part estate except so much as will be sufficient to disenheret them, as the law may direct in such cases, as they have been amply provided for by their deceased father James Strode.

6'thly, It is my will and desire that the aforementioned tracts of land given to my two sons John & Richard Chenoweth, of this county, with the appertainances there to belonging, shall be to the onely proper use and behoof of them, the said John & Richard and their

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executors administrators & assigns forever, and also the negroes, horse farming utensils, household furniture, & 'C given to the said Richard, he complying as before directed. And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my said son Richard Chenoweth Executor of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all other, or former wills or testaments, by me heretofore made. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal, this day of in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fourteen.

JOHN CHENOWETH, Sr.

Signed, sealed, published & delivered as and for the last will & testament of the above named John Chenoweth, in presence of us:	}	[SEAL]
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JOEL WARD.

PHILIP WRIGHT.

JOEL WARD, Jr.

At a court held for Berkely county on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1820.

This last will and testament of John Chenoweth Senior, deceased, was proven by the Oaths of Joel Ward & Joel Ward, junior, two of the witnesses thereto, and ordered to be recorded, and on the motion of Richard Chenoweth, the Executor therein named, who made oath thereto, according to law, certificate is granted him for obtaining a probate thereof in due form, giving



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security, whereupon he together with security entered into and acknowledged bond conditioned as the law directs.

*Teste.*, D. HUNTER, C. B. C.

*Teste.*, D. HUNTER, C. B. C.

## THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF WILLIAM CROMWELL, 1684.

In the name of God, Amen. The 19'th day of June Anno Dom, 1680. Know ye all, christian people, to whom these presents shall or may come yt. I, William Cromwell, of Baltimore County, in ye province of Maryland, being of sound & perfect memory (praise be given to God for ye Same) & Knowing ye uncertainty of this Life on earth & being desirous to settle things in order, doe make this my last Will and Testament in Manner and form following (that is to Say): First & principally, I commend my soul to Almighty God, my Creator, assuredly believing yt. I shall receive full pardon & free remission of all my Sins & be saved by ye precious death & Merits of my blessed Sav'r & Redeemer Jesus Christ, & my body to ye earth from whence it was taken, to be buried in such decent and Christian Manner as My Execr. hereafter named shall think fitt & convenient, (by her maiden name) Elizabeth Trahearne being now my dearest and loving wife whom I ordain appoint & leave to be My whole & Sole Exectx. of this my last Will & Testament. And as touching such worldly Estate as ye L'd in mercy hath lent me my will & meaning is ye same shall be employed & bestowed as hereafter by this my Will is expressed. And first I

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do revoke frustrate renounce & make void all wills by me formely made & declare and appoint this my last Will & Testament.

*Item*—I will & bequeath my plantation I now live on called Cromwells Adventure wth. one hundred acres more adjoining to it called Mascalls hope to my dear & loving wife Elizabeth Cromwell during her life, but when my Son William shall come to ye age of seventeen my will is yt. he shall have ye adjoining land to my plantation called Mascalls hope & after ye decease of my dear wife afores'd my Will is yt. he enjoy my pt. of ye plantation yt. is between my brother John & me known by ye name of Cromwells Adventure ye sd. Land I leave to my Son William & ye lawfull heirs of his body for evr. & to continue in ye name of Cromwells & to ye nearest of blood after ye decease of all of ye name of Cromwell.

*Item*—I will and bequeath unto my loving Son Thomas Cromwell ye tract of Land yt. I have lieing upon the North side of Curtains Creeke being laid out for one hundred thirty four acres known by ye name of Hunting Quarter and ye Heirs of his body lawfully begotten for evr. & so to return att his decease to ye next heire of ye name as long as there is any alive & after to ye nearest of blood, The sd. land being on ye North side of Patapsco Riv'r.

*Item*—I Will yt. my Sons William & Thomas be att their own disposing at ye. age of seventeen to work for themselves & enjoy their Land but not to have their pt.

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of my personal Estate till they come to One & Twenty.

*Item*—further my will is yt. all ye rest of my personal Estate be equally divided between my afores'd wife & my two Sons William & Thomas.

*Item*—My will is yt. my two Sons Wm. & Thomas when they come to age shall have their pt. of my personal Estate returned to them in kind according to appraisment.

*Item*—My will is yt. Jno. Wilmott be ye Overseer of this my last Will & Testament to see it p'formed according to ye true intent & meaning thereof.

*Item*—I will yt. such yt. I owe in right or conscience to any person or persons wt. soever be first satisfied, Contented & paid. Lastly, my will is yt. my Exectr. & Overseer to see me decently buried & Coffined for ye true intent & meaning whereof I have sett my hand & fixed my seal ye day & date above mentioned.

WILLIAM CROMWELL.

Signed sealed & delivered }  
in ye presence of us: }

[SEAL]

IOBE EVANS.

MATHIAS STEVENSON.

My will is yt. after my debts are paid & my wife has had thirds that my Land & personal Estate may be equally divided amongst my Children & my Will is yt. this above menceoned Will dated ye 19th day of June in ye year 1680 in full force & powr. & verity I having more Land than is menceoned above, thought fitt to

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make this addition having more Children yt. every one might have a shair my meaning is yt. my Land may seem to my heirs in ye same man'r & form as it this menceoned in ye above s'd Will. Likewise my will is yt. my brother Richard should be one of ye Overseers wth. Jno. Wilmott to see yt. my will is p'formed.

In witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand & seal.

WILLIAM CROMWELL.

Signed sealed & Delivered }  
in ye presence of us: } [SEAL]

WILLIAM BALL.

THOMAS CLARK.

ELIZABETH GERTE.

By virtue of a commision directed to me Thomas Long one of his L'dship's Justices for ye County of Baltimore bearing date ye third day of March in ye ninth year of ye Dominion of ye right Hon'ble Charles L'dproprietor, of ye Province of Maryland & in ye year of or L'd. God 1684-3 I have called before me this first day of May in ye year afors'd ye w'th. in named William Balle, Thomas Clark & Elizabeth Gerte who upon ye Holy Evangelist took their corporall oaths yt. this w'thin written Will was ye very Act & Deed of William Cromwell deceased as witness my hand & sea'e this day & year above written.

THOMAS LONG.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy

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verbatim ad literatum of the will of William Cromwell now on file and of record in liber G., folio 26, one of the testamentary books in the office of the Register of Wills for Anne Arundel County.

In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and  
affix the seal of the Orphan Court for Anne  
[SEAL] Arundel County this 15th day of February,  
1892.

W. F. PETHERBRIDGE,  
*Register of Wills for A. A. Co.*

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF  
WILLIAM CROMWELL, 1735.

In the name of God Amen, the sixth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seventeen Hundred and Thirty.

I, William Cromwell of Anne Arundel County in the Province of Maryland, being sick of Body and in weak condition but of sound and perfect Memory thanks be to God for the same, and calling to mind the uncertainty of this transitory Life, and that all flesh must yeild unto Death when it shall please God to call, and being desirous to settle things in order do make constitute, ordain this my last will and Testament in manner and form following, that is to say, first and principally I command my soul to Almighty God my Creator, assuredly believing that I shall receive full pardon and free remission of all my sins and be saved by the precious Death and Merits of my Blessed Saviour and Redeemer Christ Jesus, and my Body to the Earth from whence it was taken to be buried in such decent and christian like manner as to my Executor hereafter named shall be thought meet and convenient and as touching such worldly Estate as the Lord of his mercy hath been pleased to bless or send me the same shall be employed, Bestowed as hereafter by this my will is expressed, and first I do revoke re-

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nounce, Frustrate and make void all former wills by me made and do declare this to be my last Will and Testament.

I will that all those debts and duties that I owe in right or conscience to any manner of Person or Persons whatsoever shall be well and truly contented and paid within convenient time and space after my Decease by my Executors hereafter named.

*Item*—I give and Bequeath unto my four Sons William Cromwell, Joseph Cromwell, Alexander Cromwell, and Woolguist Cromwell and to their heirs to be equally Divided amongst them all the remaining part of my personal Estate after my Wifes thirds is taken out and ten pounds Sterling money which I give to my son Alexander Cromwell, and one negro Boy named Tom which said negro Boy I give to my youngest son Woolguist Cromwell.

*Item*—I give and Bequeath unto my Eldest son William Cromwell and his heirs forever all that Tract or parcell of Land called Cromwell Inlargment provided my son William makes a good Title to the Possessors of the Intailed Land which I formly sold to Thomas Foster and Richard Cromwell, otherwise my will is that the above sd. Land called Cromwells Inlargment may be applied to make good the above Said Intailed Lands.

*Item*—I give unto my two Sons Joseph Cromwell and Woolguist Cromwell all that tract of Land called



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Deer Park to them and their heirs forever to be equally Divided between them.\*

*Item*— I make constitute and appoint my three Sons William Cromwell, Joseph Cromwell, Alexander Cromwell my Executors jointly in this my last Will and Testament, in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year above written.

WILLIAM CROMWELL.

Signed sealed and delivered }  
in presence of us: }

[SEAL]

JOHN CROMWELL.

JOSHUA CROMWELL.

GEORGE ASHMAN.

On the 12th day of February, 1735, came Joshua Cromwell and George Ashman, two of the subscribing witnesses to this will, who being duly and solemnly sworn on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God depose and say that they saw the Testator, William Cromwell, sign the said will and heard him publish and declare the same to be his last will and Testament, that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of their apprehension of sound and disposing mind and memory, and that they the aforesaid Joshua Cromwell and George Ashman (Together with John Cromwell, another subscribing evidence to this will who is since deceased) subscribed their respective names as evidences to the

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\*The words "to be equally divided between them" was interlined before signed.

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said will in the presence of the said Testator and at his request sworn to before me.

D. DULANY, *Comm'dry.*

I hereby certify the foregoing is a true copy verbatim ad literatum of the will of William Cromwell now on file and of record in liber T. and D., folio 492, one of the testamentary books in the office of the Register of Wills for Anne Arundel County.

In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and affix the seal of the Orphan's Court of  
[SEAL] Anne Arundel County this 15th day of February, 1892.

W. F. PETHERBRIDGE,  
*Register of Wills for A. A. County.*

## THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF WILLIAM CROMWELL, 1758.

In the year of God, And Regard to the uncertainty of Time in this world it seemeth good to me, William Cromwell of Anne Arundel County, in the province of Maryland, to make this for my last will & Testament Relating to thoes things it hath pleased God to bless me with in this world, being at this time in perfect & sound Disposing Mind: First, my will & Desire is that all those Lawful Debts which shall be justly due from me at the time of my decease with my funeral expenses be well & truly paid; secondly, I will Bequeath unto my Son Philemon Cromwell all my Two Tracts of Land called Duncans Chance, containing one Hundred Acres, & Phillips Fancy, containing sixty-one Acres, to him his Heirs & assigns forever; Thirdly, I give & Bequeath unto my Daughter Hannah Cromwell all my Tract of Land called Cromwells Purchase, containing one Hundred acres to her & her heirs & assigns forever; fourthly, I give & Bequeath to my Daughter Patience Cromwell all of my part of a Tract of Land called South Cantin, Containing one Hundred acres, to her & her heirs & assigns forever; Fifthly, my will and desire is that my special warrent of Resurvey on a Tract of Land, called Huckleberry Forest under Proclamation, be duly exe-

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cuted to the utmost extent of all profit & interest of my Children, at the cost of my Estate & Discretion of my Executors after named, & when Patent for the Land included in such Resurvey shall be obtained then I give & Bequeath all the said Land thus by Resurvey Included to be equally divided into & amongst all my six Children, to them, their Heirs and assigns forever; lastly I Constitute ordain & appoint my loving Brother, Joseph Cromwell, & my friend, Joseph Taylor, my Sole Executors of this my last will & Testament, having no other in the world, in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this the Ninth day of May, 1758.

WILLIAM CROMWELL.

Signed sealed & declared to be his  
last will & Testament In the } [SEAL]  
presence of us:

DANIEL STANSBERRY,

*Son of Thomas,*

HUGH MERRIKIN, Junr,

WOOLGEST CROMWELL.

On the Back side of the foregoing will was the following Probat, viz: On the 7th day of July, 1758, came Daniel Stansberry, son of Thomas, and Hugh Merrikin, Junr., two of the subscribeing witnesses to the within written will, who being duly & Solemnly sworn on the Holy Evangel of Almighty God, depose & say that they saw the Testator, William Cromwell, sign, seal, Publish, pronounce & declare the same to be his last will and

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Testament; that at the Time of his so doing he was to the best of their apprehension of a sound & disposing Mind & Memory & that they subscribed their names as witness, executed in the Presence of the said Testator at his request, & they further make oath that they saw Woolgest Cromwell, one of the witness thereto, subscribe his name in presence of the said Testator & at his Request.

Sworn before me.

I. W. MANEMARRA,

*D. Com'ry A. A. County.*

I hereby Release unto Joseph Cromwell all Right & Title & Interest in & unto the Administration on his Brother's, William Cromwell, Estate which by will might Have otherwise issued to me.

JOSEPH TAYLOR.

The 7th of July, 7th month, 1758.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy verbatim ad liberatum of the will of William Cromwell now on file and of record in liber B. T., No 2, folio 602, one of the testamentary books in the office of the Register of Wills for Anne Arundel County.

In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and affix the seal of the Orphan's Court for  
[SEAL] Anne Arundel County this 15th day of February, 1892.

W. F. PETHERBRIDGE,

*Register of Wills for A. A. Co.*

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GENEALOGICAL CHART  
OF  
THE ASHMAN FAMILY.

George Ashman—Elizabeth Trahearne.	{ John Ashman—Constan.	{ George, John, Elizabeth. Constant, Charity..... Ruth, Rachel, Patience, William, Emanuel, Mary.	{ Charity Ashman became the second wife of William Cromwell, who died 1735. He had one child by this mar- riage.
(Widow of Wm. Cromwell.)	{ Charity, Elizabeth,		

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GENEALOGICAL CHART  
OF  
THE WILMOTT FAMILY.

John Wilmott { d. 1719. Will recorded Liber 1, page 34, 153. }	— Jane ...	{ Richard, John { d. Feb. 1748. Will recorded Liber 1, page 418. } — Rachel... (d. 1761.) (a daughter married Jno. Ashman)	{ John, Robert { d. 1773. Will re- corded Liber 3, page 348. } — Sarah... Constant.. { Married William Cromwell, who died in 1758; was his first wife and mother of his daughter Hannah. _____ Dinah (the wife of William Towson.) Rachel, Hannah (the wife of James Moore, Jr.) Richard, _____ (a daughter, the wife of a Franklin.)	{ William ..... { First L Capt. Mary Islan puls Robert ..... { Third 5, 177 Mary Cont Richard, Benjamin, Sarah, Elanor, Ruth, Mary.
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GENEALOGICAL CHART  
OF  
THE CHENOWETH FAMILY.

John Chenoweth... { Came from Wales } —Miss Calvert { Daughter of Lord Balti-  
{ about 1720. } { more Charles Calvert. }

Arthur (d. 1802)—Wife unknown  
Richard  
A daughter married a Cecil  
A daughter married a Dorsey

John... { b. ab  
{ d. 182  
Samuel... { m  
Richard  
Thomas  
Arthur, Jr.  
Hannah

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Arthur (d. 1802)—Wife unknown  
 Richard  
 A daughter married a Cecil  
 A daughter married a Dorsey

John... } b. about 1728. { Hannah Cromwell... } d. 1803. Lived at Darks-  
 { d. 1820. } { ville, Berkeley Co., Va. }  
 Samuel... } married Patience Crom- {  
 { well, sister of Hannah. }  
 Richard  
 Thomas  
 Arthur, Jr.  
 Hannah

John (b. about 1770; d. 1865) } —Mary Davenport... }  
 Richard  
 Sarah Taylor  
 Ruth Oufett  
 Arthur (d. 1827.)  
 Joshua  
 Cloe Strodes  
 Hannah Harris (married George Harris.)  
 (All born at Darksville, Berkeley Co., Va.)

(b. about 1770; d. 1865) { —Mary Davenport. }  
 ard  
 n Taylor  
 Oufett  
 ur (d. 1827.)  
 na  
 Strodes  
 ah Harris (married George Harris.)  
 orn at Darksville, Berkeley Co., Va.)

{ b. about 1775. d. 1865. Lived at }  
 { Stoney Mead, Berkeley Co., Va., }  
 { 9 miles from Martinsburg. }

{ Ellen (b. May, 1802. d. young.)  
 Hannah Cromwell (b. Jan. 1804.)  
 John W. (b. Dec., 1806.)  
 Alfred G. (b. Feb., 1809.)  
 George Davenport } b. Aug. 3, 1811, Washington D. C. Francis Ann Crawford (b. 1814.)  
 Rebecca (b. May, 1817.) } d. May 18, 1880  
 Mary D. (b. Sept. 1819.) }  
 Richard W. (b. July, 1821.)  
 Benjamin D. (b. 1857.)  
 Margaret (b. 1824.)  
 (All born at Stony Mead Plantation, Berkeley Co., Va.)

va. 1837. 1837.

<p>1, Washington D. C. Francis Ann Crawford (b. 1814.)          30 <i>Order 1837.</i></p>	<p>{ George D. (b. Oct. 30, 1847.)          Alexander Crawford (b. June 5, 1849.)—Catharine Richardson Wood          Mary D. (b. Nov. 12, 1851.)          Elizabeth (b. May 7, 1857.)</p>	<p>{ b. June 18, 1856. Daughter.          of Hon. Fernando Wood. }</p>	<p>{ Maud (b. )          Alexandre          Katharine</p>
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n, Berkeley Co., Va.)

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30, 1847.)  
ord (b. June 5, 1849.)—Catharine Richardson Wood { b. June 18, 1856. Daughter. { Maud (b. Mar. 24, 1881, d. Aug. 22, 1882.)  
12, 1851.) { of Hon. Fernando Wood. } Alexander Fernando Wood (b. Oct. 8, 1883.)  
7, 1857.) { Katharine (b. Sept. 22, 1886. d. May 5, 1892.)

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GENEALOGICAL CHART  
OF  
THE CROMWELL FAMILY.

Morgan Williams—Elizabeth Cromwell  
(Sister of the Earl of Essex.)

Sir Richard Cromwell, alias Williams—Francis

Daughter and coheir  
Thos. Martyn, K<sup>t</sup>.nt.

Henry (Sir), (d. June 7, 1603.), Wa  
Thomas  
Richard,  
Francis.

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and coheir  
rfyn, K'nt.

Henry (Sir), (d. June 7, 1603.)  
Thomas  
Richard,  
Francis.

Was knighted by Queen Elizabeth, 1563.  
Served in the House o Commons.....

Joan Warren

Daughter of Sir Ralph Warren,  
Lord Mayor of London, 1536..

Oliver (Sir), of Hinchbrook.....  
Robert (Father of Oliver Cromwell, Lord  
Protector of England.  
Henry (d. Oct. 29, 1630.)  
Elizabeth,  
Henry (d. young.)

Eliz  
Anr

Alph Warren,  
London, 1536.

Oliver (Sir), of Hitchenbrook.....  
Robert { Father of Oliver Cromwell, Lord  
Protector of England.  
Henry (d. Oct. 29, 1630.)  
Elizabeth,  
Henry (d. young.)

Elizabeth Cromwell, 1st wife.....  
Anne, 2nd wife.....  
Daughter of Lord Chancellor  
of England.  
Widow of Seignior Horatio  
Palvincuni.

Henry.....  
John (b. 1584.)  
A son unknown,  
William (b. 1626.)  
A son unknown,  
Oliver,  
Catherine,  
Jane,  
James.

{ We came to Virginia  
Virginia by John  
istory of Virginia  
por to 1800; reprint

Chancellor  
Horatio

Henry.....  
John (b. 1584.)  
A son unknown,  
William (b. 1626.)  
A son unknown,  
Oliver,  
Catherine,  
Jane,  
James.

{ We came to Virginia about 1620. (See History  
of Virginia by John Bush, page 341.) This  
history of Virginia, by Bush, was printed  
prior to 1800; reprinted about 1803. }

{ (1) William (d. 1684) } Unknown, 1st wife.  
                              { Elizabeth Traheame, 2ife. }  
John,  
Richard,  
Edith.  
(The Maryland Cromwells.)

{ (2) William (b. 1672; Mary (d. 1735)  
Thomas (d. 1723)  
Joshua,  
Phillip.



(3) William (d. 1758) } Constant Wilmott, 1st wife } Daughter of John Wilmott, of Baltimore.  
 } Charity Ashman, 2d wife

Philomen,  
 Hannah Chenoweth } d. about 1740 } Became  
 Patience Chenoweth } d. about 1740 } Became  
 Dinnah (Only child by second wife)  
 Mrs. Ashman.  
 (4) William (Capt.)

(2) William (b. 1678, d. 1735) } Mary (Howard)...  
 Thomas (d. 1723)  
 Joshua,  
 Phillip.

Joseph } b. Aug. 21, 1707 } Comfort } b. July 3, 1710 }  
 } d. Oct. 12, 1769 } } d. July 12, 1787 }  
 Alexander  
 Woolguist (d. 1793)

Nathan (b. May, 1731)  
 Joseph } b. Sept. 2, 1741 } wife was  
 } d. 1782 }

Stephen (Capt.) } b. Nov. 30, 1747 }  
 } d. May, 1783 }

Richard (d. Dec. 25, 1802.)—Rach  
 Sarah (b. May 20, 1738. Married E  
 Rebeckah (b. May, 1746; d. Sept.

Philomen,  
Hannah Chenoweth { d. about 1803. Daughter by first wife.  
Became the wife of John Chenoweth.  
Patience Chenoweth { d. about 1784. Daughter by first wife.  
Became the wife of Saml Chenoweth.  
Dinnah (Only child by second wife.)  
Mrs. Ashman.  
(4) William (Capt.)

Nathan (b. May, 1731)

Joseph { b. Sept. 2, 1741  
d. 1782 } wife was a Miss Orick

Philomen,  
Nicholas,  
Margaret,  
Hannah,  
Rebecca.

Stephen (Capt.) { b. Nov. 30, 1747  
d. May, 1783 } Elizabeth Murray { After the death of Stephen Crom-  
well she married Samuel Cheno-  
weth, becoming his second wife. }

Ruth Mackey,  
Joseph,  
Richard,  
Oliver,  
Stephen,  
John,  
Nathan,  
Philips.

Lived in Jeffer-  
son Co., Va.

Richard (d. Dec. 25, 1802.)—Rachel Cockey, of Baltimore County.....

Sarah (b. May 20, 1738. Married Ezekiel Towson)

Rebeckah (b. May, 1746; d. Sept. 16, 1823. Married Capt. John Cockey.)

Nathan—Elizabeth Zeller, of Hagerstown, Md.. } William—C

Philomen,  
Nicholas,  
Margaret,  
Hannah,  
Rebecca.

Ruth Mackey,  
Joseph,  
Richard,  
Oliver,  
Stephen,  
John,  
Nathan,  
Phillips.

Lived in Jeffer-  
son Co., Va.

Nathan—Elizabeth Zeller, of Hagerstown, Md. . . William—Caroline Enos . . Charles, of Chicago.